GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Export of Textile Items
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by the Union Government to incentivise export of handicrafts, handlooms and silk and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to encourage and ensure fair economic return for artisans and weavers;

(c) the details of the major handicrafts, handlooms and silk export centres in the country; and

(d) the details of Export Promotion Councils under the Ministry and their mandate?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Government has various export promotion schemes to promote exports of textiles including handicrafts, handloom and silk sectors. These include Merchandize Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), Interest Equalization Scheme (IES), Market Access Initiative (MAI), Market Development Assistance (MDA), Duty Drawback and providing duty free import of trimming, embellishment etc. up to 5% of FOB value of export performance during preceding year to handicrafts and handloom exporters.

(b): In order to ensure fair economic return for artisans and weavers, Government is providing skill development training, technological support by Technological Upgradation Centers, facilitating manufacturers for developing new designs and finishing products through Common Facility Centers and providing financial assistance for skilling new artisans/weavers with stipend.

Apart from this Government has launched India Handloom Brand (IHB) for branding high quality handloom products with zero defect and zero effect on the environment.

(c): The details of major handicrafts, handlooms and silk export centres are as under:-

Segments Exports Centre

Handicrafts Moradabad, Saharanpur, Jodhpur and Narsapur

Handlooms Panipat, Karur, Kannur, Varanasi, New Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai

Silk Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi Chennai, Kolkata, Cochin, and Hyderabad

(d): There are eleven Exports Promotion Councils (EPCs), listed below representing all segments of the textiles & apparel sector, viz. readymade garments, cotton, silk, jute, wool, powerloom, handloom, handicrafts and carpets. Their mandate is to promote the growth and export of their respective sectors in global markets:-

i) Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)
ii) The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL)
iii) The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC)
iv) Wool & Woollen Export Promotion Council (W&WEPC)
v) Wool Industry Export Promotion Organization (WOOLTEXPRO)
vi) Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC)
vii) Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC)
viii) Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)
ix) Powerloom Development & Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL)
x) Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC)
xi) Jute Product Development Export Promotion Council (JPDEPC)

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